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HEARTBEAT OF AMERICA

Democrat Spending Package Fails to Deliver the Immediate Results Americans Want

"How quickly do you WANT to see results from an economic stimulus package? Would you say..."

15% Within a month

41% Within six months

(56% - Total within six months)

22% Within a year

20% Longer than a year

3% Don't know / Not sure

Ipsos/McClatchy Poll; conducted January 15-18, 2009; Survey of 979 Adults Nationwide

CBO Says Stimulus Might Not Really Stimulate Any Time Soon As President Barack Obama's \$825 billion economic-recovery package began making its way through Capitol Hill, congressional budget analysts suggested a key plank of the plan <u>may not provide as big a nearterm lift</u> for the economy as expected. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office projected less than half of the \$355 billion that House Democrats want to spend on highways, bridges and other job-creating investments is likely to be used before the end of fiscal 2010. The CBO said the balance would likely be spent over the next several years, after the recession is projected to end.

NOTE: The Republican Study Committee has introduced the *Economic Recovery and Middle-Class Tax Relief Act*, legislation based on three main themes: 1) Support Families through Tax Relief; 2) Provide Economic Relief for American Businesses and Entrepreneurs; and 3) Save Future Generations from a Crushing Debt Burden. For a full summary, click here.

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